



For Design, Provisional, or Utility Applications

PATENT
APPLICATION

**COMPLETION Under
Rule 53(f)**

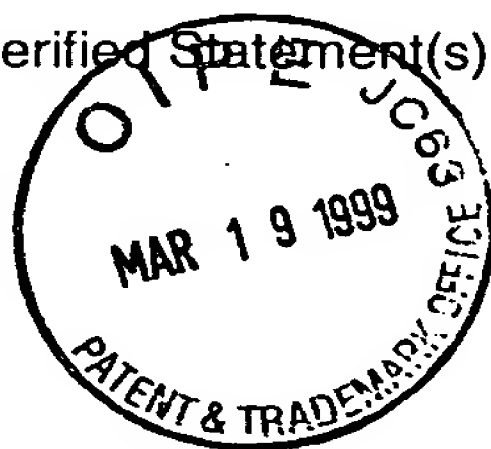
Completion Under Rule 53(b)

9. _____ (No.) Certified copy (copies): _____ ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date) _____
 in U.S. Application No. _____ / _____ filed on _____

10. ☒ Attached: 2 (No.) Verified Statement(s) establishing "small entity" status under Rules 9 & 27.

11. ☐ Attached:

12. ☐ Preliminary Amendment:



THE FOLLOWING FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY ABOVE CANCELLED

				Large/Small Entity		Fee Code
13. Basic Filing Fee				Design Application \$310/\$155		106/26
				Not Design Application \$760/\$380	+380	101/201
14. Total Effective Claims	39	minus 20 =	19	x \$18/\$9	+171	103/203
15. Independent Claims	4	minus 3 =	1	x \$78/\$39	+39	102/202
16. If <u>any proper</u> multiple dependent claim (ignore improper) is present, (Leave this line blank if this is a reissue application)				\$260/\$130	+0	104/204
17. Surcharge for filing Declaration/filing fee late				\$130/\$65	+65	105/205
18. FILING FEE ENCLOSED =					\$655	
19. Original due date: March 13, 1999						
20. Petition is hereby made to extend the <u>original</u> due date to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is attached				(1 mo) \$110/\$55 =	+55	115/215
				(2mos) \$380/\$190 =		116/216
				(3mos) \$870/\$435 =		117/217
				(4mos) \$1360/\$680 =		118/218
21. If "non-English" box 3 is X'd, add Rule 17(k) processing fee				\$130	+	139
22. If "assignment" box 5 is X'd, add recording fee.				\$40	+	581
23. Petition Fee for				\$130	+	
24. TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED =					\$710	

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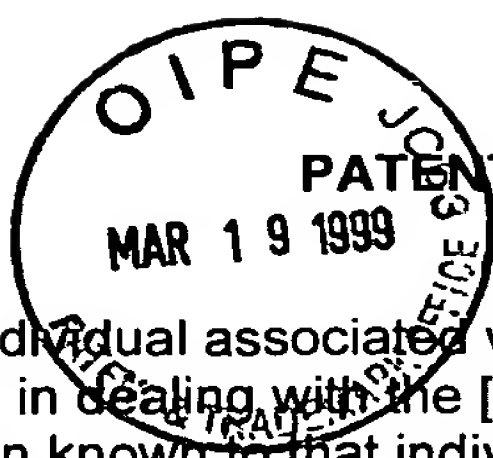
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Rule 56(a) & (b) = 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) & (b)
PATENT AND TRADEMARK CASES - RULES OF PRACTICE
DUTY OF DISCLOSURE

- (a) ... Each individual associated with the filing and prosecution of a patent application has a duty of candor and good faith in dealing with the [Patent and Trademark] Office, which includes a duty to disclose to the Office all information known to that individual to be material to patentability... (b) information is material to patentability when it is not cumulative and (1) It also establishes by itself, or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of a claim or (2) refutes, or is inconsistent with, a position the applicant takes in: (i) Opposing an argument of unpatentability relied on by the Office, or (ii) Asserting an argument of patentability

PATENT LAWS 35 U.S.C.

§102. Conditions for patentability; novelty and loss of right to patent

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless--

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent or
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of the application for patent in the United States, or
- (c) he has abandoned the invention, or
- (d) the invention was first patented or caused to be patented, or was the subject of an inventor's certificate, by the applicant or his legal representatives or assigns in a foreign country prior to the date of the application for patent in this country on an application for patent or inventor's certificate filed more than twelve months* before the filing of the application in the United States, or
- (e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or
- (f) he did not himself invent the subject matter sought to be patented, or
- (g) before the applicant's invention thereof the invention was made in this country by another who had not abandoned, suppressed, or concealed it. In determining priority of invention there shall be considered not only the respective dates of conception and reduction to practice of the invention, but also the reasonable diligence of one who was first to conceive and last to reduce to practice, from a time prior to conception by the other.

§103. Condition for patentability; non-obvious subject matter

A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made. Subject matter developed by another person, which qualified as prior art only under subsection (f) or (g) of section 102 of this title, shall not preclude patentability under this section where the subject matter and the claimed invention were, at the time the invention was made, owned by the same person or subject to an obligation of assignment to the same person

* Six months for Design Applications (35 U.S.C. 172).